

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Vice Chair Verdell Jackson, on March 10, 2011 at 9:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Joe Balyeat, (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 367, 3/3/2011; HB 264, 3/3/2011; HB 399, 3/3/2011

HEARING ON HB 367

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:03 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 367, Revise motor vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:41 Brenda Nordlund, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)
EXHIBIT(bus54a01)

00:04:26 Sen. Vuckovich arrived.

00:05:32 Ronda Wiggers, County Treasurers Association
00:07:19 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association; also speaking for Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance; Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers of American (PCIA); Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Group (FIG)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:36 Sen. Facey
00:08:51 Sen. Moore
00:09:06 Ms. Nordlund, DOJ
00:10:27 Vice Chair Jackson
00:10:47 Ms. Nordlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:45 Rep. MacLaren
00:12:40 Vice Chair Jackson
00:12:40 Sen. Steinbeisser left the room.

HEARING ON HB 264

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:49 Rep. Gordon Vance (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 264, Allow any person to file complaint with insurance commissioner.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:51 Bruce Halcro, owner, Capitol Collision Repair, Helena
EXHIBIT(bus54a02)

00:19:43 Donna Gabel, co-owner Hanks Body Shop
EXHIBIT(bus54a03)
00:23:10 Todd Litton, self, Billings
00:25:09 Drew Geiger, Collision Repair Specialists (CRS)
00:25:29 Mike Mitchell, Mitchell's Crash Repair, Great Falls
00:25:48 Rep. Max Yates, House District #74, Butte, body shop owner
00:28:28 Pamela Cayer, owner, collision repair facility, Sidney
00:30:11 Paul Flores, self, Missoula
00:31:31 Brad Meuli, A and D Auto Body, Bozeman
00:31:51 Brendeon Schoening, Collision Craft, Polson
00:32:32 Gene Dziza, owner, body shop, Kalispell
00:33:47 Jeff Wisher, owner, body shop, Kalispell

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:35 Jon Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance Group (FIG); also speaking for Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association and American Council of Life Insurers
00:41:26 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance
00:46:28 Chuck Mazurek, representing Payne Financial Group, and insurance industry

Informational Testimony:

00:50:22 Jackie Boyle, on behalf of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditors Office (SAO)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:13 Sen. Moore
00:55:09 Mr. Van Horssen (SFI)
EXHIBIT(bus54a04)
00:55:18 Sen. Mowbray
00:55:42 Mr. Van Horssen
00:56:09 Sen. Mowbray
00:56:37 Ms. Boyle, SAO
00:57:35 Sen. Facey
00:58:28 Ms. Boyle
00:58:58 Sen. Facey
00:59:17 Mr. Mazurek, insurance industry
01:00:11 Sen. Tropila
01:02:39 Ms. Boyle
01:03:46 Sen. Tropila
01:03:50 Mr. Geiger, CRS
01:07:28 Sen. Tropila
01:08:18 Rep. Vance
01:09:37 Sen. Tropila
01:10:06 Ms. Boyle
01:12:00 Sen. Vuckovich
01:13:21 Rep. Yates
01:16:50 Sen. Vuckovich
01:17:45 Ms. Boyle

01:19:00 Sen. Vuckovich
 01:19:13 Mr. Van Horssen
 01:20:26 Sen. Facey
 01:20:31 Mr. Van Horssen
 01:21:49 Sen. Facey
 01:24:36 Mr. Halcro

 01:24:38 Sen. Steinbeisser returned.

01:25:46 Sen. Moore
 01:25:49 Rep. Vance
 01:27:11 Vice Chair Jackson
 01:27:30 Ms. Boyle
 01:30:01 Sen. Jackson
 01:30:59 Rep. Vance
 01:31:49 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
 01:33:00 Rep. Vance
 01:33:09 Vice Chair Jackson
 01:33:52 Mr. Metropoulos, FIG
 01:34:46 Sen. Moore
 01:36:19 Mr. Van Horssen
 01:37:00 Sen. Moore
 01:37:06 Vice Chair Jackson
 01:37:14 Ms. Murdo

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus54a05)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:32 Rep. Vance

 01:39:32 Recess
 01:58:14 Resume

HEARING ON HB 399

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:59:14 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 399, Allow transfer of salvage title work without notary signature.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:00:07 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Group (FIG)
 02:04:32 Brenda Nordlund, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)
 02:08:37 Peter Scott, Insurance Auto Auctions (IAA)
 02:10:01 Lori Hamm, Notary Compliance officer, Secretary of State's office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:11:18 Sen. Facey
02:11:24 Mr. Easton
02:12:08 Vice Chair Jackson, redirect without objection
02:12:18 Ms. Nordlund
02:12:36 Sen. Tropila
02:12:45 Ms. Nordlund
02:13:24 Sen. Tropila
02:13:28 Mr. Easton
02:13:52 Sen. Mowbray
02:15:34 Ms. Nordlund

Closing by Sponsor:

02:16:09 Rep. Arntzen
02:17:16 Vice Chair Jackson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:20 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus54aad.pdf](#))